Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 28 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 29 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 28 Dec 2023 at 02:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Moderate confidence with regard to snow levels and precipitation detail over the coming days, becoming low from Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 28 Dec 2023: Windy with frequent wintry showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 28 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
50%	50%	50%	50%	40%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 28 Dec 2023

Weather: Scattered wintry showers during the early hours will become more frequent by morning, continuing throughout the day. Snow mostly falling above around 800m but falling to 600m later in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered or broken cloud base 500-700m in association with showers. Visibility poor in snow and hill fog, moderate in rain, good in drier interludes.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	58/66 SW	48/56 SW	37/45 SW	28/35 SW	19/25 SW	20/26 NW	27/33 NW
900	52/60 SW	45/53 SW	35/43 SW	27/34 SW	18/25 SW	19/25 NW	26/31 NW
600	34/42 SW	31/40 SW	24/32 SW	18/25 SW	12/18 SW	15/22 NW	17/23 N
300	2/40 SW	6/38 SW	6/30 SW	4/23 SW	4/18 SW	9/22 NW	6/25 N
Glen	18/39 SW	15/32 SW	11/24 S	7/17 SW	9/18 SW	15/27 N	13/26 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-12	-1/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-8	-3/-10	-3/-11
900	-0/-10	-0/-10	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-7	-2/-8	-3/-10
600	3/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4	1/-3	0/-5	-0/-6
300	4/3	4/2	4/1	3/1	3/1	2/-2	2/-1
Glen	7/3	7/3	6/3	6/4	6/3	5/0	4/0
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	900m	800m	800m	600m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong winds and wintry showers will lead to difficult conditions.

Forecast for Friday 29 Dec 2023
Weather: Scattered showers through much of the day on Friday but easing off into the evening, falling as snow to around 400m.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 25-30 mph gusting 35-45 mph in the north, 10-15 mph gusting 25-30mph further south

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% improving 80% into the evening

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered or broken cloud base 500-700m, occasionally lowering 300-400m in heavier snow showers. Visibility poor in snow and hill fog, moderate in rain, good in drier interludes.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 to 4 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 3 to minus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 600m at first, lowering to 400m

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